Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Barbeque is a unique way of preparing meat, either directly or indirectly over a heat source using wood and/or charcoal; and,

Whereas, Barbeque is a unique way of preparing meat, and the personality of the individual smoker is expressed through the preparation and presentation of barbequed meat products with judging based on appearance, tenderness/texture, and taste; and,

Whereas, The olfactory senses of any person or persons in the vicinity of a barbecue in process will be tantalized beyond reasonable limits, and choosing to partake thereof, will bring a taste experience like no other; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has traditionally been known for its high quality beef, pork, and chicken products, and this contest will highlight such products; and,

Whereas, This barbecue contest is a nonprofit event with any and all proceeds to benefit the Deadwood-Lead Optimist Club; and,

Whereas, The Deadwood-Lead Optimist Club will host the first annual barbeque cook-off during Deadwood's Wild Bill Days celebration:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 19 – 21, 2009, as

WILD BILL BARBEQUE COOK-OFF DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State